

28th October 2011

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Dear Sir,

I wish to register my objection and opposition to the proposal, included in the Core Strategy, that the land designations on the Pinkham Wood (Friern Barnet Sewage Works) site be changed without the provision of proper, fair and reasonable consultation documents.

The Pinkham Wood/Friern Barnet Sewage Works site has an existing designation of "Employment Land" with a specific caveat that the use of the land for employment purposes shall be "subject to no adverse effect on the nature conservation value of the site". Haringey Council seeks to replace this designation with that of "Locally Significant Industrial Site" [LSIS] while simultaneously completely dropping the 'nature conservation' caveat.

The site also has a second designation as a "Grade 1 Borough Site of Importance for Nature Conservation" [SINC]. This designation has also been dropped (despite assurances to the contrary to the Planning Inspectorate – see Lyn Garner's letter to Allison Ingham dated 27th July).

~~The Council's consultation document is hugely flawed and completely misleading document.~~

(a) On page 12 of the consultation document the Council suggests that it wishes to safeguard 5 sites where they continue to meet demand and the needs of modern industry. The Friern Barnet site is listed with another 4 sites:

- a. **Crusader Industrial Estate N15** – a fully established industrial site with existing buildings, working businesses and apparently a fully equipped infra-structure
- b. **Bounds Green Industrial Estate N11** - a fully established industrial site with existing buildings, working businesses and apparently a fully equipped infra-structure
- c. **Cranford Way N8** - a fully established industrial site with existing buildings, working businesses and apparently a fully equipped infra-structure
- d. **Vale Road, N15** - a fully established industrial site with existing buildings, working businesses and apparently a fully equipped infra-structure.
- e. **Friern Barnet Sewage Works** – a green open space with no infra-structure, no buildings, no businesses which has been in this condition for 50 years or more

The Friern Barnet site does not "continue to meet the demand and needs for modern industry" in any respect since it is green space (a wooded area) with no buildings, no infrastructure and certainly no businesses offering existing employment. The suggestion

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that it "meets or continues to meet industrial demand" is a pure fiction and a gross misrepresentation.

(b) There is no mention of the 'nature conservation' caveat in the consultation document and the Council have effectively ignored its existence for the purposes of this consultation. This omission is grossly dishonest.

(c) There is no mention of the Pinkham Wood SINC in the Core Strategy proposals, despite assurances given to the Planning Inspectorate in Lyn Garner's letter to Allison Ingham of the 27th July. Despite the passing reference to the SINC on page 34 of the consultation document, the Council documentation is silent on whether the SINC is to be retained or dropped. It seems clear that it is intended that the SINC will be dropped by omission but that consultees are expected to believe that the silence on the issue means that the SINC will remain in place. If the Council intend to positively remove the SINC from this site then the community deserves notice of the fact, especially given the acute sensitivity and concern now surrounding this particular site.

In its determined commitment to deliver a suitable site for the NLWA waste plant proposal, Haringey appears to have set out to establish an improper, but legal, set of conditions which may meet local 'employment obligations' but which completely disregard Haringey Council's other obligations in terms of community, improvement of the air quality and the maintenance of scarce open green space facilities and biodiversity. To achieve this set of conditions, they have operated a wholly flawed consultation.

Please accept this letter as my objection to the inclusion, in the Core Strategy, of the land

~~designation changes to the Friern Barnet Sewage Works site on the grounds that the second consultation on this matter is flawed and misrepresentative of the requested changes. The proposed changes for the Friern Barnet Sewage Works site should be removed.~~

Yours sincerely

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